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FARM BILL CONFERENCE REPORT PASSES WITH BIPARTISAN VETO-PRO

Landmark Legislation Includes Herseth Sandlin Priorities: Strong

Safety Net

Washington, DC-May 14, 2008 –

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“The process of drafting the new Farm Bill probably has taken more time th

Herseth Sandlin, who helped craft the Farm Bill as a member of the House

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The final conference report agreed to today makes critical reforms of key fa

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Increased target prices for wheat, sorghum, barley, oats, and soybeans and

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Permanent Disaster

Assistance

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The establishment of a 30-day rolling average as the basis for calculating re

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A hard cap on average adjusted gross income (AGI) for farmers for eligibility

The elimination of the three-entity rule that has allowed individual producers

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In addition to maintaining a safety net for producers, the farm bill includes provision

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The creation of the Biomass Crop Assistance Program to develop the next g

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Loan guarantees for biorefineries producing advanced biofuels

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The creation of the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) to provide gr

The establishment of Forest Biomass for Energy, a program authorizing funds

For the first time, the Farm Bill includes a dedicated livestock title including an agree

Provisions authored by Rep. Herseth Sandlin in the House-passed Farm Bill that h

Delay USDA County Office Closures

This provision would prevent the Farm Service Agency, the Rural Development Ag

Access to Broadband Internet in Rural America

The Rural Development title includes provisions derived, in part, from Rep. Herset

Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

The bill includes language sponsored by Rep. Herseth Sandlin and Rep. Tim Walz

Agronomist on the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory

Directs the appointment of an individual to the Biomass Research and Development

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Congresswoman

Stephanie Herseth Sandlin serves South Dakota in the U.S. House of Representatives.

